


REMARKS

Claims 1-83 are canceled without prejudice to their further prosecution in any continuation or divisional application. New claims 84-166 are based in part on claims 1-83 described in the priority document (BIOLOGICAL INDICATOR to Sutton et al. and published as PCT Publication WO 2005/093085 on 6 October 2005). Support for new independent claims 84, 91, and 97 may be found in claims 1, 18, 19, and 38, as originally filed in the priority document and in the specification, for example, at page 3, lines 20-31, page 5, lines 1-3, page 27, line 26 through page 28, line 3, and in Examples 11 and 14-20 of the specification at pages 52 and 57-65. No new matter has been added as a result of these claim amendments.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for examination. Early notice of such action is respectfully requested.

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